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1. MISSION OFFICER MET MARCH 29 WITH EC COMMISSION OFFI-
CIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ECE AFFAIRS (HESSKE) TO CONVEY
POINTS ON BREZHNEV CONFERENCE PROPOSALS OUTLINED REFTTEL.
HESSKE MADE THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC RESPONSES TO MISSION

OFFICER'S PRESENTATION:

(A) TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE: HESSKE CONFIRMED THAT EC COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATES OPPOSE TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE PROPOSAL.

(B) ENERGY CONFERENCE: ALTHOUGH THE COMMISSION OPPOSES THE ENERGY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL, IT DOES SEE SOME MERIT IN STANOVNIK'S PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF AN ECE SENIOR ADVISERS GROUP ON ENERGY QUESTIONS; THE COMMISSION WOULD PROBABLY NOT SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A GROUP THIS YEAR, BUT WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL 1979. THE UK AND THE FRG ARE BOTH ARGUING IN EC FORUMS THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVANTAGES IN HOLDING A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENERGY TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON ENERGY SUPPLY IN EUROPE; BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ON AN ENERGY CONFERENCE AT THE UPCOMING ECE PLENARY. IN THE FACE OF THIS INTERNAL SPLIT, THE EC HAS YET TO DEVELOP A FIRM POSITION ON AN ENERGY CONFERENCE, BUT IT IS HOPED THE APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL CAN RESOLVE MEMBER STATE DIFFERENCES.

(C) ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE AGENDA: HESSKE TOOK NOTE OF USG CONCERNS REGARDING AGENDA FOR HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT DECISION ON THIS POINT, AS WELL, HAS BEEN REFERRED TO APRIL 4 COUNCIL.

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2. HESSKE CONCLUDED BY EMPHASIZING TO MISSION OFFICER THAT EC APPROACH TO UPCOMING ECE PLENARY WILL BE LOW-KEY AND BUSINESS-AS-USUAL. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT, IF EAST EUROPEANS RENEW THEIR BELGRADE ATTACKS ON "PROTECTIONIST" COMMUNITY POLICIES IN SUCH SECTORS AS TEXTILES AND STEEL, THE COMMUNITY WOULD RECONSIDER ITS READINESS TO ACCEPT EVEN AN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE. IN RESPONSE TO MISSION OFFICER'S QUERY, HESSKE INDICATED THAT SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION HAS FULL SUPPORT OF ALL EC MEMBER STATES. HESSKE ADDED THAT COMMUNITY HAS "SOME INDICATIONS" SUCH EASTERN ATTACKS MAY BE IN STORE.

3. IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSIBLE DANISH PERMREP OFFICIALS (WHO ARE STILL ON VACATION), WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO CONVEY POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL TO DANISH COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. MORRIS

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